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1. Approximately 20 January 1954, a Russian commission, headed by Major Ivanov (fnu), seized all transistors completed and in development, germanium supplies, measurement devices, and tools used for transistor development at the Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen HF (OSW), Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, and blocked all funds allocated for this development. The HF plant was forbidden to engage in further transistor development. Main development specialists Dr. Walter Rohde and Dr. Boehm (fnu) were accused of sabotage because they had failed to complete the development of germanium transistors successfully after more than two years' experimentation.¹
2. The Russian sponsored transistor development program has been assigned exclusively to the Dralowidwerk Teltow (VEB Werk fuer Bauelemente der Nachrichtentechnik "Carl von Ossietzky"), under the supervision of Dr. Falter.²

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